

FAMILY NEWS

Upcoming Events:

January 13:

FIT Food List

hearty soups, beef stew, Chef Boyardee, chicken & dumplings, mac & cheese, chili, ramen noodles, cash donations

No Glass Containers

January 16:

Remaining Winterfest balance due for those who have already paid the deposit.

January 18:

LCOC Breakfast

6:30 am - 9:30 am

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Missions: Mike and Kris Bridges
- AIM: Kaylee Bridges
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley - Washington, D.C.
- Grayson Carter - Ft. Riley
- Steve & Erma Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Vern and Karen Lowe & Family
- Marcello Assenza- Christine Stewart's Father
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Mark Black - Kris Black's Father
- Erma Izard, Lynn Gaines and Family
- Leah Crocker
- George Westerman
- Kelli Daniel
- Karyl Buress
- Kathy Alexander & Family
- Friend of Karen Brophy
- Fritz Stewart - George Stewart's Father
- John Turner
- Dianne & Harry George on the loss of their daughter. Friends of the Coxes.

PREPARING OUR SOIL

The Word of God is out. Christ entered history as the WORD of God at a place, in a time, with a people, as flesh and blood. The Parable of the Sower says that the seed that is spread is the Word of God. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, bringing the Kingdom of God near. The parable focuses on the soil that receives the seed. Is the soil of your heart prepared to encounter a living God?

Most of us instinctively answer "yes" without thinking through the meaning of this question. Do we continuously comb through the soil of our hearts? Do we expect that if we prepare the soil Christ will be planted in it? The Bible talks a great deal of living and walking by faith. The meaning of the word faith has come to be watered down to be synonymous with believe, but that is not digging deep enough into how the authors of the New Testament use it. Faith is a belief that produces actions or works coinciding with the belief, which would more closely be trust than belief. Either way, our faith should be tilling the soil of our hearts, through prayer, worship, reading the Word, and sharing it. So that at any moment we have the hopeful expectation we will encounter God and present our hearts prepared with great soil for growing. If we aren't preparing the soil, then we can't say we have faith that we will encounter God.

Some of you have rich soil that is fertile and has continuously grown the Word of God for most of your lives. The tree of life has flourished inside of you with plump fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You have an abundant life, and it is so rich. Don't forget to teach the young farmers around you how to prepare their soil!

Let's be a church that spreads the Word of God like seeds in a field. Let's be a church that tills its heart with God's instruments of prayer, baptism, Lord's Supper, praise, encouragement, preaching, teaching, love, and so much more. Let's be a church that lives in the hopeful expectation that WE WILL encounter God, and it will be great.

Blessings,
Brian Devereaux

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:30AM

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS
11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY
LADIES GROUP
BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM

January 6th, 2018 Weekly Statistics

AM Bible Class: 74
AM Bible Class Avg: 74

AM Assembly: 133
AM Assembly Avg: 133

Contribution: \$6,218.62
YTD Average Weekly:
\$6,219.00

Weekly Budget: \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Sign Up To Help:

January Goodies:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa5ad2fa0f94-january>

Honduras 2019 Fundraising:

<https://www.efundraising.com/lexingtonchurchofchrist>

Anniversaries:

1.1 Kyle & Brenda Kramar-Rice

1.16 Dennis & Sharon Carter

Birthdays:

1.11 Liza Dowdy

1.14 Kayla Kneece

1.14 Penny Steinmeyer

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Opportunities to Serve
January 13, 2019

Worship:
Connor Watkins

Sound Room:
Chester Warren
Cliff Brown

Lord's Supper Comments:
Chris Amaral

Servers in January:
Wayne Burress
Ernie Oliver
Brian Devereaux
Vern Lowe
Matt Joy

Door Greeters in January:
Ernie & Karen Oliver

Nursery:
Tracy Jex
Kayla Kneece

Toddler:
Christine Stewart
Sara Hanle

Children's Church:
Cale Ferguson

Communion Prep:
Jane Deadwyler
Mary Turner

Coffee Clean-Up:
Lauren Brannan

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Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

It's a New Year, and it's time to get back into a regular routine. I know that's hard to do after having such a short break, but I am very excited about the plans we are making for the Youth Group at least. This Sunday we started a new Right Now Media series by Francis Chan that is based on the Gospel of Mark, and we will continue to work through Mark for the next 11 weeks.

Tonight, we will resume our Wednesday Night Youth Activities, and I am very excited to begin a new study called *Choose Your Own Adulthood*. It is all about making practical life decisions today that will positively affect your future. The first lesson is about *Pursuing More of What You Want Most, and Less of What You Want Now*. This lays a foundation for the rest of our choices such as *Responding More, and Reacting Less or Creating More, and Critiquing Less*. Each week we will dive into a different topic, and each will include a hands-on challenge or application. All of this will build towards a retreat some time at the end of April or beginning of May, and it will conclude with a final lesson on *Finishing More, and Starting Less*. I cannot wait to see where this all goes! It will be interesting for sure!

Winterfest is right around the corner, and I am really looking forward to spending time with the group we have going this year. As of right now, we have room for one more boy in the boys' room, and a couple more girls in the girls' rooms, in case anyone else is interested in going. Please let me know ASAP though, so I can see about purchasing extra tickets. The total cost is \$150, and for those who have already paid their deposit, the remaining balance is due by the 16th of January.

I have created calendars for the months of January and February which include all the important dates and information for our youth activities. Feel free to pick one up off the kiosk in the youth room. I'm looking forward to seeing you all later tonight!

Blessings! ~ Dawn